

Dee Sailing Club
Int. Dart 18 Grand Prix No. 2
Sailing Instructions

16th, 17th April 2011

1 Rules

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012, the rules of the Class Association, the Notice of the Race, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The Regatta is designated Category C - Appendix 1 - ISAF Advertising Code.
- 1.3 The helm shall be a current member of UKIDA and/or their own National Dart Association.
- 1.4 Under exceptional circumstances, the race committee may permit sails carrying an identifying number other than that required by RRS 77 Appendix G. Prior written approval is required. Forms for this purpose are available in the information area & shall be submitted to the race office.

2 Identification

- 2.1 While racing, boats will be identified by their sail numbers.

3 Notices to competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official race notice board located in the NW corner of the sailing club.
- 3.2 A briefing will be held in the club house on Saturday morning at 0830 hrs.

4 Changes to sailing instructions

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board at least 1 hour before the advertised start time of the first race to which the change applies, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

5 Signals made ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast located on the lawn in front of the clubhouse.
- 5.2 When flag AP is made ashore '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP. (*This changes Flag AP in Race Signals.*)
- 5.3 Personal Buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors whilst afloat. (*This changes RRS 40 & Flag Y in Race Signals.*)

Day	Class	Race No.	Start time	High Water.
Saturday 16 th	Dart 18	1	0930 hrs	1030 hrs, 9.3m
	Dart 18	2	As soon as possible after Race 1	
	Dart 18	3	As soon as possible after Race 2	
Sunday 17 th	Dart 18	4	0930 hrs	1118 hrs, 9.8m
	Dart 18	5	As soon as possible after Race 4	
	Dart 18	6	As soon as possible after Race 5	

6 Schedule of races

- 6.1 The scheduled time of the Warning signal for the first race each day is: Saturday 0925 hrs and Sunday 0925 hrs.
- 6.2 To alert boats that another race will begin soon, the Postponement Signal will be displayed for at least 2 minutes before a Warning Signal is displayed.

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7 Class flags

7.1 The class flag for the Dart 18's will be Int. Code Flag D.

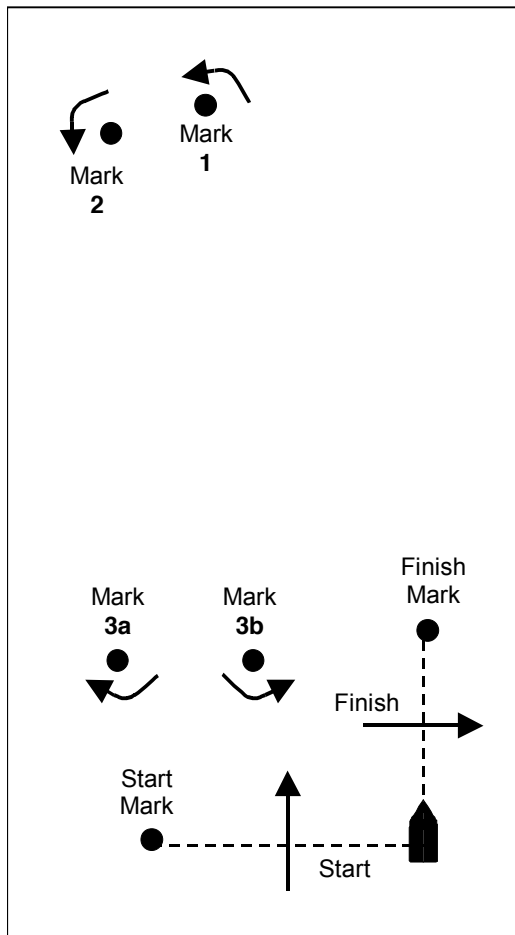
8 The race area

8.1 The racing area will be approx. 1 mile NW of the clubhouse.

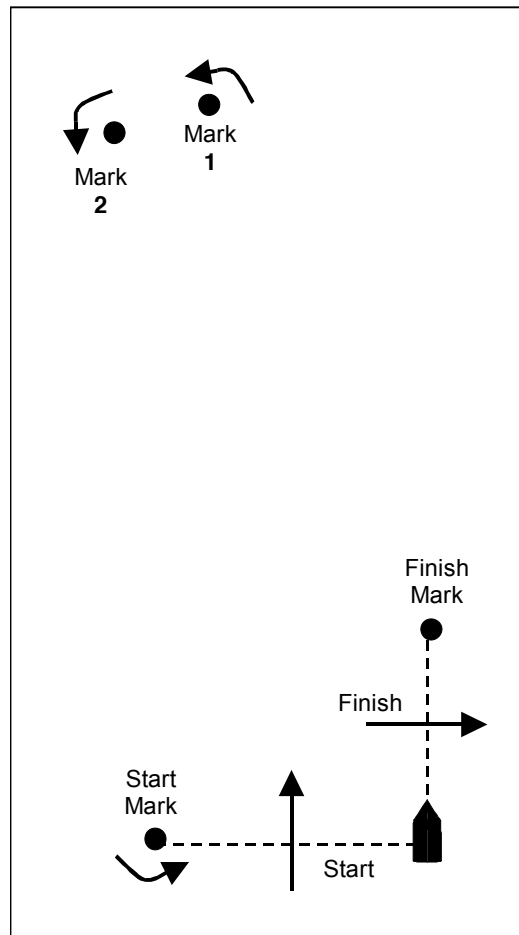
9 The courses

- 9.1 There will be two courses used during the regatta designated A and B indicated by a letter board displayed on the committee boat.
- 9.2 Course A will be a windward – leeward with gate as per the diagram below. Marks will be rounded in the order 1 to port, 2 to port, 3a to starboard or 3b to port.
- 9.3 Course B will be a windward – leeward course as per the diagram below. Marks will be rounded in the order 1 to port, 2 to port, Start Mark to port.
- 9.4 The number of laps to be sailed will be displayed on a frame on the forward mast of the committee boat.

Course A



Course B



10 Marks

- 10.1 Mark 1 be 5ft orange inflatable buoy with a stripe.
- 10.2 Mark 2 will be a yellow inflatable buoy.
- 10.3 Marks 3a and 3b will be 5ft orange inflatable buoys
- 10.4 The new mark, as provided in section 12.1 will be a 5ft orange inflatable buoy.
- 10.5 The starting and finishing marks will be described in sections 11 & 13.

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11 The start

- 11.1 Races will be started by using **Rule 26** with the Warning signal given 5 minutes before the Starting signal.

Signal	Flag	Sound	Minutes before the start signal
Warning	Class Flag	1 Sound	5
Preparatory	P or I or Z or Z with I or Black flag	1 Sound	4
One Minute	Preparatory flag removed	1 Long Sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed	1 Sound	0

- 11.2 **The Starting Line** will be between a staff flying an Orange flag on a race committee boat at the starboard end and the start mark.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. (*This changes rule A4.1*)
- 11.4 The start mark will be a pink spherical buoy.

12 Changing the position of the next mark

- 12.1 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2 Rule 33 is changed so that, instead of displaying a compass bearing, the race committee will display a green flag if the direction is changed to starboard or a red flag if the direction is changed to port. A change in course length will be indicated on a white board by a + sign if the course is lengthened and a – sign if the course is shortened.

13 The finish

- 13.1 **The Finishing Line** will be between a staff flying an Blue flag on a race committee boat and the finishing mark.
- 13.2 If the race is shortened at the end of a complete lap boats should round the final mark of the lap and proceed to the finish line. (*This changes RRS 32.2*)
- 13.3 If the race must be shortened part way around a lap, **the Finishing line** will be between a staff flying an S flag on a race committee boat and mark 1 of the course. 13.4 The finish mark will be a white inflatable buoy.

14 Penalty system

- 14.1 Rule 44.2 is changed so that the 720° turn is replaced by a 360° turn.
- 14.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31.2 (Touching a Mark) or 44.1 (Penalties for Breaking Rules of Part 2) shall complete an acknowledgement form available in the information area & submitted to the race office within the protest time limit.

15 Timelimits

- 15.1 The time limit for each race shall be 1hour 30minutes. 15.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF. (*This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.*)

16 Protests and requests for redress

- 16.1 Protest forms are available in the information area & shall be submitted to the race office within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 1 hour after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and to requests for redress. (*This changes RRS 61.3 & 62.2*)

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17 Scoring

- 17.1 The number of races scheduled is 6.
- 17.2 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 When less than 4 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.4 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.5 The Low Points scoring system of Appendix A section 4 will apply.
- 17.6 Series Ties will be broken in accordance with Appendix A sections 8.1, 8.2

18 Safety regulations

- 18.1 A tally system will operate, each boat being allocated a tally number at registration.
- 18.2 A boat shall tally on to indicate it intends to race by taking its numbered tally disc off the board and placing it in the tally box.
- 18.3 A boat shall tally off to indicate that it has returned to shore by taking its numbered tally disc off the board and placing it in the tally box.
- 18.4 A boat shall tally off on return to the dinghy park and on no account later than 1 hour after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 18.5 A boat shall indicate successful completion of races, retirement or otherwise by choosing the appropriate compartment in the tally box.
- 18.6 Any boats that fail to comply with the safety/tally system will be disqualified from the race/races concerned.

19 Replacement of crew or equipment

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without the prior written approval of the race committee (relative weights will be taken into account). A Dart entered as either single-handed, or two-up, shall only race in the mode in which the first race is sailed, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Forms for this purpose are available in the information area & shall be submitted to the race office.

20 Equipment and measurement checks

- 20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

21 Radio communication

- 21.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

22 Prizes

- 22.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first five places.

23 Disclaimer of liability

- 23.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 23.2 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 23.3 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organizing authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beach masters
- 23.4 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

24 Insurance

- 24.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

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25 Advisory Hearing

- 25.1 When there is an incident that will not result in the lodging of a protest or a request for redress, a boat, protest committee or race committee may request an advisory hearing with the race office, and notify any boat involved in the incident. An adviser will then call a hearing to learn what may have happened and will state whether any rule appears to have been broken, and by which boat. A boat may as a result notify the race office that she accepts an Exoneration Penalty when it applies to the Incident, or choose to retire, although there is no requirement for her to do either.

26 RYA Arbitration

- 26.1 When a protest or request for redress is lodged, a boat may at the same time request RYA Arbitration, or the protest committee or race committee may offer it.
- 26.2 If the parties and a member of the protest or race committee agree that RYA Arbitration is suitable, an arbitrator (who may be that member of the protest committee) will call a hearing conforming to Section B of Part 5 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, except that rule 64.1 will not apply. Instead, when the arbitrator decides that a boat that is a party to the arbitration hearing has broken a rule for which the Exoneration Penalty is available, the party will be invited to accept that penalty, and, if it is accepted by a protested boat, the protesting boat will be allowed to withdraw the protest, changing rule 63.1.
- 26.3 When there is not an agreement to use RYA Arbitration, or when, after RYA Arbitration, a protest is not withdrawn or the Exoneration Penalty is not applicable to the facts, there will be a normal protest hearing, at which the arbitrator may be a member of the protest committee. Rule 66 will not apply to the arbitration decision. A boat may still accept an Exoneration Penalty at any time before the start of a protest hearing and receive its protection from further penalization. She may also retire.
- 26.4 When redress is offered and accepted at the RYA Arbitration, the protest committee or race committee may seek to have this reviewed by asking for a full hearing. When redress is offered and not accepted, or not offered at all, the boat may have her request heard before a protest committee.